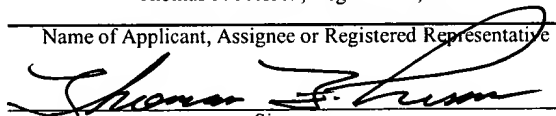


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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**  
**SUBMITTED WITH PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2006, Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension-of-time, extending the period for response to August 7, 2006 (August 5, 2006 being a Saturday). Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$120.00 as payment of the extension-of-time fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.